



# State Director to Prevent and End Homelessness

## Position available at Minnesota Housing Finance Agency

**POSTING DATE:** August 7, 2012

**EXPIRATION DATE:** August 21, 2012

### About Minnesota Housing:

Minnesota Housing has a national reputation as one of the finest housing finance agencies in the country and works to provide access to safe, decent and affordable housing.

It offers products and services to help Minnesotans buy and fix up their homes , and supports the development and preservation of affordable rental housing through both financing and long term asset management—all of which help stabilize the lives of some of the State's most vulnerable citizens and build stronger communities.

For more information about Minnesota Housing go to: <http://www.mnhousing.gov/>

### Summary of position

Unique opportunity available as the State Director to Prevent and End Homelessness, coordinate State agencies' efforts and connect with community homelessness efforts. The Director will promote innovation, efficiencies and best practices in programs that serve individuals and households experiencing homelessness. The position will raise the awareness of homelessness in the State and serve as liaison with multiple constituencies to prevent and end homelessness. This position will report on a day-to-day basis to Minnesota Housing and will be accountable to the 9 Commissioners of the Minnesota Interagency Council on Homelessness.

### Essential Job Duties

- Guide implementation of the state's strategic and business plan to prevent and end homelessness
- Align and maximize opportunities of Minnesota's efforts with the Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness
- Promote coordination among state agencies of policies and programs that serve individuals and households at risk of, or experiencing homelessness.
- Staff the Minnesota Interagency Council on Homelessness and work with senior staff to develop a work plan for the council agendas and lead implementation of the work plan
- Identify opportunities for new initiatives between agencies
- Coordinate funding applications and funding decisions
- Coordinate responses to federal regulations and NOFAs
- Maintain connections to the Governor's office, including making regular reports on progress
- Strengthen partnerships with community groups working on homelessness prevention and ending homelessness and develop new partnerships
- Develop and refine messages about ending and preventing homelessness

### Minimum Qualifications

- Bachelor's Degree and ten years' of related experience.
- Proven ability to work across agency lines with experts in the areas of human services, health, corrections and housing across state, local and federal units of government
- Demonstrated ability to work with multiple sectors, including business, nonprofit and faith based sectors
- Proven ability to think and act strategically and interpret and analyze complex information in order to make sound decisions

- Excellent oral and written communications skills including the ability to identify and advance opportunities and frame issues for discussion
- Ability to build support and consensus in an environment of differing perspectives and guide others through change
- Proven collaboration skills
- Demonstrated negotiations skills
- Ability to translate strategic goals into workable operational plans
- High tolerance for ambiguity
- Proven leadership ability

#### Preferred Qualifications

- Masters degree preferred

#### Annual Salary Range

Salary will be commensurate with experience

#### Benefits

Minnesota Housing is a State of Minnesota agency and provides excellent benefits including 100% employer paid health insurance for employees with very reasonable rates for family coverage, dental insurance, employer-paid life insurance, flexible spending accounts, defined benefit pension plan as well as pre-tax and ROTH retirement accounts, generous vacation & sick leave, and 11 holidays per year.

#### To Apply:

Only candidates who send cover letter with **Current Salary** and resume outlining your accomplishments will be considered. Apply to: [mhfa.resumes@state.mn.us](mailto:mhfa.resumes@state.mn.us) In the subject line indicate Req 2

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